

I am appalled at the control and one sided view points that are being delivered to the American public via the public airwaves. I find out more information about what is going on in the U.S. and around the world by watching Canadian and British news broadcasting. What I see on their delivery of the news is very different than what is broadcast on the U.S. airwaves.

I am, and have for a long time, been a proponent against media consolidation.

I would therefore like to voice my opinion about the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to air on public television a very controversial and one point of view documentary about Senator John Kerry.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.